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SUBJECT: SEISMIC RESEARCH OBSERVATORIES PROGRAM

EF: (A) LONDON 14741 (B) STATE 185112 DATED 18 SEP 73

1. AS ADVISED BY INFO COPY OF MSG REF (A) THE US AND UK HAVE AGREED TO A JOINT RESEARCH EFFORT WHICH WILL INVOLVE THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF A SEISMIC RESEARCH OBSERVATORY (SRO) IN SWAZILAND. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT WERE PROVIDED IN REF (B). THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE INSTALLED BY US PERSONNEL WITH A TENTATIVE INSTALLATION DATE OF JULY-AUGUST 1975. THE STATION WILL BE OPERATED BY US PRSONNEL.

2. THE SEISMIC RESEARCH OBSERVATORIES PROGRAM IS BEING IMPLEMENTED BY THE US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE DEFENSE ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY. WILLIAM GREEN AND JON PETERSON OF THE US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY'S OFFICE OF EARTHQUAKE STUDIES WILL CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY SITE SURVEY IN SWAZILAND DURING THE WEEK OF 24 FEB. THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY IS TO ESTABLISH A LOCATION FOR THE BOREHOLE SENSOR SYSTEM, ASSESS ENVIORONMENTAL FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT STATION OPERATION,
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AND DETERMINE FACILITY REQUIREMENTS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT

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THE SITE SURVEY WILL BE CONDUCTED JOINTLY WITH UK PERSONNEL AND THAT THE UK WILL MAKE ALL NECESSARY CONTACTS AND ARRANGEMENTS.

3. GREEN AND PETERSON WILL ARRIVE MBABANE FROM JOHANNESBURG BY COMMERCIAL AUTO ON WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY AND DEPART ON SATURDAY, 01 MARCH. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ARRANGING FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS. DURING VISIT THE USGS TEAM WILL BRIEF EMBASSY ON OBJECTIVES AND STATUS OF THE SRO PROGRAM.

4. ACTION PRETORIA: GREEN AND PETERSON WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ARRANGING FOR COMMERCIAL AUTO PICK-UP AT JAN SMUTS AIRPORT. WILL ARRIVE FEB. 25 1-05 ON BA 029, DEPART MAR. 2. PLEASE ADVISE NAME OF RENTAL AGENCY. KISSINGER

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